CLAIMS

Please amend the Claims of the Application as indicated below:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for procuring at least one good, at least one service, or combinations thereof, for reconciling actual performance data with estimated data for a complex project ordered by a buyer and performed by a seller, the method comprising:

>   obtaining and storing in at least one ~~data storage~~ medium ~~that is~~ electronically accessible to a processor the estimated data from a source relating to the complex project, wherein the estimated data comprises an initial estimate of the at least one good, the at least one service, or combinations thereof required for performance of at least a portion of the complex project;

>   receiving and storing in at least one data storage medium ~~that is~~ electronically accessible to the processor the actual performance data via a communication network, wherein the actual performance data comprises an indication of the at least one good, the at least one service, or combinations thereof used for performance of ~~the~~ at least a portion of the complex project;

>   using the processor to compare the actual performance data to the estimated data to determine a discrepancy between the actual performance data and the estimated data;

>   sending an electronic notification of the discrepancy to at least one ~~of the~~ buyer, ~~and the at least one~~ seller, or combinations thereof;

>   receiving a proposed reconciliation from the at least one ~~of the~~ buyer or the at least one seller; and

>   receiving approval or disapproval of the proposed reconciliation from ~~the other of~~ the at least one buyer or the at least one seller.

2. (Previously Amended) The method as described in claim 1, wherein the actual performance data comprises an actual cost, in whole or in part, of goods, services, or combinations thereof in performance of the complex project.

3. (Previously Amended) The method as described in claim 1, wherein the actual performance data comprises an actual accounting, in whole or in part, of goods, services, or combinations thereof in performance of the complex project.

4. (Cancelled)

5-130. (Canceled).

131. (Currently Amended) The method as described in claim 1, further comprising the step of using the processor to compare the discrepancy between the estimated data and the actual performance data with at least one rule stored in the at least one data storage medium, wherein the discrepancy between the estimated data and the actual performance data falls within a tolerance of the at least one rule, and wherein the step of receiving approval or disapproval of a proposed reconciliation comprises receiving automatic approval of the proposed reconciliation.

132. (Currently Amended) The method as described in claim 1, further comprising the step of using the processor to compare the discrepancy between the estimated data and the actual performance data with at least one rule stored in the at least one data storage medium, wherein the discrepancy between the estimated data and the actual performance data falls outside of a tolerance of the at least one rule, and wherein the step of receiving approval or disapproval of proposed reconciliation comprises receiving automatic disapproval of the proposed reconciliation and transmission of a notification to the at least one of the buyer or the at least one seller.

133. (Currently Amended) The method as described in claim 1, wherein the step of receiving approval or disapproval of the proposed reconciliation comprises receiving an electronic approval of the discrepancy from the other of the at least one buyer or the at least one seller.

134. (Currently Amended) The method as described in claim 1, wherein the step of receiving approval or disapproval of the proposed reconciliation comprises receiving an electronic disapproval of the discrepancy from the other of the at least one buyer or the at least one seller and a second proposed reconciliation from the other of the at least one buyer or the at least one

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seller, an electronic communication from ~~the other of~~ the <u>at least one</u> buyer or the <u>at least one</u> seller, or combinations thereof.

135.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the estimated data comprises a purchase order for said at least one good, said at least one service, or combinations thereof.

136.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the actual performance data comprises an invoice, a field ticket, or combinations thereof related to the indication of the at least one good, at least one service, or combinations thereof used for performance of the at least a portion of the complex project.

137 -144. (Cancelled)